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Mr. Hasan Ikhata
Executive Director
Southern California Association of Governments
818 West Seventh Street, 12th Floor
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RE: Southern California Association of Governments 2008 Regional Transportation Plan and 2008 Regional Transportation Improvement Program Conformity Re-determination for the 2006 PM2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standards

Dear Mr. Ikhata:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) 2008 Regional Transportation Plan and 2008 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) conformity re-determination for the 2006 PM2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) as requested by your letter dated July 8, 2010.

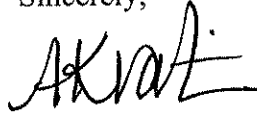
A FHWA/FTA air quality conformity re-determination is required pursuant to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) *Transportation Conformity Rule*, 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93, and the United States Department of Transportation's *Metropolitan Planning Rule*, 23 CFR Part 450. The conformity re-determination was prepared as a response to a final rule published by EPA in the Federal Register on November 13, 2009, which designated two areas, the South Coast Air Basin and the urbanized area of Imperial County, within the SCAG region as non-attainment areas under the 2006 PM2.5 NAAQS. The area designations became effective December 14, 2009. Under the *Transportation Conformity Regulations*, conformity needs to be re-determined for the 2008 RTP and 2008 RTIP for the new PM2.5 NAAQS by December 14, 2010.

The conformity analysis submitted by SCAG indicates that all air quality conformity requirements have been met. Based on our review, we find that the conformity re-determination for the 2008 RTP and the 2008 RTIP conform to the applicable state implementation plan in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93. In accordance with the July 15, 2004, *Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*, the FTA has concurred with this conformity determination. Additionally, this conformity determination was made after consultation with the EPA, Region 9 office.



If you have any questions regarding this conformity re-determination, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Aimee L. Kratovil of the FHWA California Division Office at (916) 498-5866.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "AKratovil". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

For
Walter C. Waidehch, Jr.
Division Administrator